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OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday	9am - 4pm
Tuesday	9am - 4pm
Wednesday	9am - 4pm
Thursday	9am - 4pm
Friday	Closed

SCO COUNCIL 2014-2015

Deanne Oleksyn	<i>President</i>
Ken Sorensen	<i>Registrar/NIRO Rep</i>
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Daphne Hodgson	<i>Councillor</i>
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Shane Andrus	<i>Public Representative</i>
Femi Ogunrinde	<i>Public Representative</i>

ADVERTISING

The Eye Opener	Website
Full Page Colour Ad \$250	Employment Ad
Full page B & W Ad \$150	\$25 for 2 months.
1/2 Page Colour Ad \$150	
1/2 Page B & W Ad \$100	

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Julie Broberg

"I Spy"



From the Registrars Desk Fall 2017



As summer draws to a close, we hope that everyone had a great summer and enjoyed the great weather. While the summer has been quite and mostly uneventful, the College continues to work on various projects, including the re-drafting of the regulatory bylaws, and as the result of recent court decision concerning the illegal dispensing of contact lenses. Legislative amendments have also been recommended by our legal counsel, and while not considered by the Minister during the last sitting of the legislature, are still under active consideration, and will be brought forward for further consideration, in due course.

The College continues to work with our regulatory partners across the country on several national projects such as the National ID program, Web Portal Program and Continuing Competency Program, and the PLAR.

As well, with Halloween just around the corner, the College is once again continuing its push against illegal dispensers through on site visits and making people aware of the dangers of improperly fitted contact lenses and hygiene. The College also asks, that its members remain vigilant throughout the Halloween season, and contact the office immediately, if anyone comes across or is made aware of someone illegally dispensing.

We encourage everyone to attend the convention and AGM, and look forward to seeing you there.

Ken Sorensen
Registrar

Paul Johnson
Deputy Registrar

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to congratulate and welcome our new Opticians and Contact Lens Practitioner who recently successfully challenged the NACOR exams.

We have 12 new Opticians: Kayla Matschke, Ashraf Khan, Muhammad Saddique, Ryan Velado, Jessie Peacock-Drake, Arlene Miller, Stacy Green, Brandy Podruchny, Raelene (Jamie) Henderson, Meagan Sherring-Reese, Kinny Hall, Rebekah Ransome. We also have 5 new Contact Lens Practitioners: Ryan Velado, Penny Kelly-Reisdorf, Chaelsey Loehr, Christine Johnson, Lizann Bougie .

We wish them every success for the future.

The SCO office answers lots of queries about continuing education credits throughout the year. This is a reminder about the rules and requirements for continuing education credits. If you have any other questions, please contact the SCO office.

How many credits do I need to renew my license?

A Licensed Optician must have 10 credits over the previous three years; 8 of which must be Eyeglass Credits. A Licensed Contact Lens Practitioner must have 15 credits over the previous three years; 5 of which must be Eyeglass Credits and 5 Contact Lens Credits.

What are the different credit categories?

There are five categories of credits: Eyeglass (EG), Contact Lens (CL), Eyeglass or Contact Lens (EC), Professional Service (PS) and Related Field (RF).

How long are my credits valid?

Each year at renewals, we look at the credits you have accumulated over the previous three years.

License Renewal	Credits accumulated in years		
March 31, 2018	2015	2016	2017
March 31, 2019	2016	2017	2018

How can I check my credit balance?

You can check your continuing education credits online anytime by logging in through our website. Every member should have a User ID and password. If you have misplaced your User ID and password, please call the office.

What happens if I don't have enough credits?

Please make sure you have the right amount of credits before submitting your license renewal as members cannot be licensed unless their credits are up to date. A late fee will apply to members whose renewals are late due to insufficient credits.

Do I need continuing education credits if I am a non-practicing optician?

While it is not mandatory to keep your continuing education credits up to date while you are non-practicing, the SCO strongly advises that you keep your continuing education credits current. The reason for this is because it makes the path to re-licensing easier when you return to practicing status.

Where can I take continuing education credits?

Approved credits are available online or by attending seminars. The seminars at Vision Canada, Vision Expo East & West and of course our own convention are already pre-approved. We also accept credits from any seminars that have been approved by NACOR. A list of NACOR approved credits is available on the NACOR website. The OAC offer lots of online modules and some credits from 2020mag.com have been approved for credits as well. We are in the process of putting together a list of approved courses on our website www.scopic.ca.

What is the pre-approval process and how do I know if a module is approved?

Seminars in continuing education or ophthalmic practices that are provided by institutions not sponsored by the council must be pre-approved by the council, or its delegate, in order to qualify as educational credits for licensing purposes. Seminars may also be approved for continuing education purposes through the NACOR. To be approved as a continuing education seminar, the seminar must consist of at least one a variety of professional development topics that are designed to improve and advance the professional development of opticians/ practicing members and contact lens practitioners. To have a seminar or online module pre-approved, please send the request to the SCO office along with full information of the material covered in the seminar for the Education Chair to review. The Education Chair will then assign credits and a category to the seminar and it will be added to our published list online. If you are unsure if a module or seminar has been pre-approved, please contact the office **beforehand** to check as credits from seminars or online modules that have not been pre-approved cannot be applied to your file.



I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and warm weather, and as fall comes upon us, it's once again time to turn our attention to the coming Convention and AGM. I look forward to seeing everyone at Vision Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, on October 21st, and 22nd. I'd also like to welcome all our new members and I would encourage them, as well as all our members, to attend the SCO AGM.

To help our new members understand how their profession is regulated, it's important to know, that your College is the backbone of your profession, and without it, your profession as Licensed Opticians, would not exist. The Saskatchewan College of Opticians is a self regulated body that is guided and regulated by the *Saskatchewan Opticians Act*, Regulatory and Administrative Bylaws and Standards of Practice.

The College is overseen and supervised by its Council, which is elected by the membership, at the Annual General Meetings. Your council is elected from the general membership, and as such, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to consider taking a turn at running and serving on council.

Serving on council is a very rewarding experience, that allows a person the opportunity of being hands on in developing the Colleges short and long term planning, ensuring our members stay up to date with constant changing technology, as well as helping to build and expand the profession, scope of practice, and professionalism.

See you at Vision Saskatchewan

Deanne Oleksyn
President

E-transfers!!!

The SCO will now accept interact E-transfers as a form of payment.

Go to www.scoptic.ca and look under Renewal Guidelines for more information.

Cheque, Money Order, Visa, Mastercard and Discover are also accepted.

Has your Employment Information Changed?

Have you moved?

Just a reminder that it is the registrant's responsibility to notify the SCO of any change in contact details as soon as possible.

**Email, Fax or Mail your changes to us
or**

Go to the SCO Website and update your profile online!!!

Council's primary function is the regulation of opticians to ensure conformity to the Opticians Act and Bylaws. We are here to protect the public from harm as well as to promote the present and future of professional opticians.

This year there are **3 positions** open for election at our **AGM on October 22rd 2017**. Diana Hicks, Sheri Jones and Clarence Mott's terms are coming to an end. Elected Council members must be practicing members of the SCO and in good standing. These positions are two year terms.

Do you want to make a difference in our profession?

Do you have some spare time to give? Why not consider running for council and have a chance to make a difference in the direction this profession is going. The time commitment could vary from two hours per week to two - three hours per day, depending on what issues are before us. In addition, you are expected to commit to attending all SCO functions, and be available to the membership for guidance.

Nomination forms can be found below and can be submitted to the SCO office before the AGM. We will also be taking nominations on the day. Candidates must be open to questions from the membership.

If you are interested in sitting on council and have any questions or would like more information, then please contact the SCO office at 306-652-0769.



Diana Hicks, LO; LCLP
Education Chair



Sheri Jones LO; LCLP
Councillor



Clarence Mott LO; LCLP
Treasurer

COUNCIL 2017 - 2018 NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE: _____ LICENCE NUMBER: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

NOMINATOR: _____ LICENCE NUMBER: _____

OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2017

In-Person Education - Networking - SCO AGM



REGISTER NOW!

Pre-registration open
until October 17
(register early and save \$25)

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details available at
WWW.OPTICIANS.CA

VISION SASKATCHEWAN

Delta Bessborough - 601 Spadina Cres. E.
Saskatoon, SK

Opticians Association of Canada - Saskatchewan Chapter

 Two-Day Education Event

VISION SASKATCHEWAN

October 21 & 22, 2017

Delta Bessborough - 601 Spadina Cres. East

 Saskatoon, SK

First Name _____ Last Name _____

License Number (if applicable) _____

Educational Institution (if applicable) _____ Student Number (if applicable) _____

Business Name (if providing business address) _____

Address _____

City & Province _____ Postal Code _____

Daytime Phone # _____ Email* _____

* A registration confirmation will be sent to the email address provided on this registration form.

BECOME AN OAC MEMBER FOR BEST RATES AND FREE ONLINE CE (www.opticians.ca ; Ph. 1-800-847-3155)

REGISTRATION

- Pre-registration is available until October 17. After October 17, individuals must register on-site on the weekend of the event.
- Registration Fees below are effective until October 17. On-site registration fees increase by \$25.00

Registration fees include:

- OAC Member & Non-Member fees include con ed credits for lectures attended in full & lunch on both Saturday & Sunday.
- Students, non-licensed individuals enrolled in an accredited Optical Training Program for the 2017 academic year, are no-charge to attend lectures, but must pay if they wish to have lunch at the event.
- The cost of lunch is \$30.00 per day.

REGISTRATION FEES (effective to October 17)

	OAC Member Price	Non-OAC Member Price	TOTAL
Full Weekend Registration	☐ \$125.00 + \$6.25 GST = \$131.25	☐ \$175.00 + \$8.75 GST = \$183.75	\$ _____
Saturday Registration	☐ \$75.00 + \$3.75 GST = \$78.75	☐ \$125.00 + \$6.25 GST = \$131.25	\$ _____
Sunday Registration	☐ \$75.00 + \$3.75 GST = \$78.75	☐ \$125.00 + \$6.25 GST = \$131.25	\$ _____
Students	☐ No Charge Student Lunch Ticket—\$30.00 EACH		TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS: (check one)

Cheque _____ Money Order _____ VISA _____ Mastercard _____

CREDIT CARD # _____ Expiry Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____ CVV# _____

Signature of Cardholder _____

I agree to Vision Saskatchewan Terms & Conditions (available online),

and authorize the Opticians Association of Canada to charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____

RETURN COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORMS BEFORE OCTOBER 17TH TO:

Fax: 204.947.2519 | Email: canada@opticians.ca

Mail: OAC - SK Chapter, 2706-83 Garry Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4J9



Any personal identifying data on this document will not be sold for commercial purposes and will be used to process your registration to this event but may also be used to contact you with pertinent follow-up information or optical related subjects.

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VISION SASKATCHEWAN

October 21 & 22, 2017

Delta Bessborough - 601 Spadina Cres. E.
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

**** Earn 6 CE Credits ****

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00 – 8:55 am	Registration/Coffee/Networking	
9:00 – 10:00 am	OACM - 1 : History and Vision Care Technology NACOR # 110.331 1 EG	Prof Ed August Sponsored by: OAC, PPG, Marcolin
10:00 - 11:00 am	OACM - 2 : Lens Cross NACOR # 110.332 1 EG	Prof Ed August Sponsored by: OAC, PPG, Marcolin
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	OACM 3 Power of Cylinder Away from Axis NACOR # 110.330 1 EG	Prof Ed August Sponsored by: OAC, PPG, Marcolin
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 - 2:00 pm	The Importance of Oxygen for Your Patients' Eyes NACOR # 210.015: 1 CL	Dr. Mark Eltis Sponsored by: Coopervision
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Frame Advisor NACOR # 1810.005 1 EG	Gord Van Dam Sponsored by: Luxottica
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Coffee Break	
3:10 - 4:05 pm	From Design to Production NACOR #110.322 1 EG	Gord Van Dam Sponsored by: Luxottica

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VISION SASKATCHEWAN

October 21 & 22, 2017

Delta Bessborough - 601 Spadina Cres. E.
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**** Earn 6.5 CE Credits ****

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00 – 8:55 am	Registration/Coffee/Networking	
9:00 – 10:00 am	OACM 4 Curves NACOR # 110.333 1 EG	Prof Ed August Sponsored by: OAC, PPG, Marcolin
10:00 - 11:00 am	SME Commercial Banking NACOR # Pending	Mark Kedziora & Michael Liu Sponsored by: National Bank
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	The Power of One NACOR # 710.005 1.5 CL	Dr Gord Young Sponsored by: Alcon
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Re-Inventing Near Vision NACOR # 110.341 1 EG	Ms. Nicky Saund Sponsored by: Essilor
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Fraud and AntiSpam: What You Need to Know NACOR # 110.312 1 RF	TBA Sponsored by: CFIB
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Coffee Break	
3:15 - 4:15 pm	Saskatchewan College of Opticians Annual General Meeting: 1 EC credits	SCO Board

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NACOR EXAMINATION DATES 2017

Province	Date	Location	Application Deadline
Ontario	October 28—29, 2017	Georgian College, Barrie	Friday September 22, 2017
New Brunswick	November 17—19, 2017	Oulton College, Moncton	Friday October 20, 2017

REMINDER TO STUDENTS

While the OAC looks after the enrollment and administration of the NAIT Optical Programs, we would like to remind students that our Education Chair is always on hand to help or answer any questions that you might have during the year. Please contact the SCO office if you have any questions or concerns.

Winners of the SCO Bursaries for 2016-2017



Rebekah L. Ransome
Highest Mark Year Two Eyeglass

Lizann K. Bougie
Highest Mark Contact Lens

STUDENT LICENCE INFORMATION

All students must register each academic year with the SCO for a student optician or student contact lens practitioner license. The fees are \$30 annually. There is also a \$10 registration fee for first time applicants. A passport photo must also be submitted for your student license card. Registration forms are available from the SCO office.

STUDENT Bursaries & Scholarships 2017-2018

LASIK MD

National to NAIT Students

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Highest overall mark in

Year One Eyeglasses

Highest overall class average in

Year One Advanced Practice Contact Lenses

S.C.O.

\$250.00

Top overall written mark in

Year Two Eyeglasses

Top overall written mark in

Year Two Advanced Practice Contact Lenses

O.A.C.

National to NAIT Students exc. Alberta

\$250.00

Top overall written mark in

Year Two Eyeglasses

Top overall written mark in

Year Two Advanced Practice Contact Lenses

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	
Vision Saskatoon	October 21 –22	Delta Bessborough Saskatoon	
SCO AGM	October 22	Delta Bessborough Saskatoon	
Vision Canada	November 4 - 5, 2017	Hyatt Regency Calgary, Alberta	

 SASKATCHEWAN
College of
Opticians
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**October 22, 2017 at 3:15 pm,
Delta Bessborough
Saskatoon**

3 council vacancies

See Page 7 for more details



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- ◆ Must be able to handle multiple tasks at once and be organized
- ◆ A positive attitude and ability to work well with others is crucial

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